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MURDER SERBIAN CITIZENS.

AUSTRO-GERMANS MASSACRE PEOPLE AS THEY ADVANCE INTO COUNTRY, SAYS DISPATCH.

Condition of Little Kingdom is Deploable One—Russians Have Been Defeated in Their Galician Campaign—French Claim Gains in West.

Paris, Nov. 5.—The whole population of Serbia is being massacred as the Austro-Germans advance, according to a Geneva dispatch to the Journal. The Germans massacred en masse the population of Decia. There were also general massacres at Seelvo, Palanka and Southeast of Belgrade. The Germans justified the action by the charge that civilians fired on troops. This charge is denied by Serbians.

SERBIA IN DURE STRAITS.

Complete Annihilation of Army Almost Certain Unless Anglo-French Move Quickly.

London, Nov. 5.—Discouraging news continues to come from Serbia. The Bulgars are pouring reinforcements into Serbia north of Uakub in an effort to build a wall of steel between the Serbians and the Anglo-French forces in the south. Unless the Anglo-French cut their way through the complete annihilation of Serbia's northern army is expected.

Dispatches from Berlin report that the Bulgars have captured Nish, but the report is unconfirmed. Six hundred out of the eight hundred miles of Serbian railroads are now held by the enemies.

So terrible have the Serbian losses been from bullets and disease that the army now numbers but fifty-five thousand men.

The British have joined the French near Strumitza.

CONSTANTINE AN AUTOCRAT.

King of Greece Will Dissolve Parliament and Rule Through Unpopular Cabinet.

Paris, Nov. 5.—King Constantine of Greece has decided to retain the Zaimis cabinet and dissolve parliament, according to a news dispatch from Athens.

RUSSIAN DEFEAT AT STRIPA.

Driven Across River in Galicia by Germans.

Berlin, Nov. 5.—The Austro-Germans have driven the Russians back across the Stripa river in eastern Galicia, according to the Tageblatt's correspondent at the front. Heavy fighting is in progress around Tarnopol.

GERMANS REPORT VICTORIES.

From All Quarters News is Favorable to German Arms.

Berlin, Nov. 5.—The capture of a French trench northeast of Lesmenil, the repulse of a force of Russians, assaults west of Dvinsk and the continuation of the advance in Serbia are officially reported. The French were decisively defeated by the Bulgars northeast of Prilep.

CANNOT LEAVE ENGLAND.

Government Stops Young Men Who Are Leaving Country.

London, Nov. 6.—While five hundred young men were trying to secure passage to New York to escape military service the Cunard line posted a notice that it would not issue passage to any British subjects of military age. Hereafter a government permit to leave the country will be required.

SERBIANS REPORT VICTORY.

Serbs Recapture Two Towns and Anglo-French Defeat Bulgars.

Paris, Nov. 6.—The Serbian legation today issued a statement that Isvor and Gradski have been recaptured by the Serbs. The Bulgarians were defeated at Krievlak and Babuna Pass by the Anglo-French contingent.

GERMAN SUBMARINES ACTIVE.

Two French and One Italian Ship Sunk in Mediterranean.

Paris, Nov. 6.—It is officially announced that German submarines operating in the Strait of Gibraltar and the Mediterranean have sunk two French and one Italian merchantmen.

PLOT IN BULGARIA.

Conspiracy to Assassinate King Ferdinand and Premier Radoslavoff.

Loumanne, Nov. 6.—A plot to assassinate King Ferdinand and Premier Radoslavoff of Bulgaria has been discovered.

BIG SHIPS TO CHARLESTON.

FIVE DREADNAUGHTS TO BE IN HARBOR DURING SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, New Jersey and Rhode Island are the Powerful Warships Which Visitors May See—Entertainments Planned for Sailors.

Charleston, Nov. 5.—At least five big battleships of the Atlantic fleet, the South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, New Jersey and Rhode Island, have been assured by Secretary of the Navy Daniels for the seventh annual convention of the Southern Commercial Congress here December 13-17, and while the convention is in progress it is authentically stated these men of war will be anchored in Charleston harbor, according to latest advices received here. The coming of at least four of these vessels recalls two events; the long-to-be-remembered fleet week of 1912, when the Rhode Island, Georgia and Virginia were among the visiting fighting ships, and the visit in April 1910, of the battleship South Carolina, when she came to her home port, soon after being commissioned, to receive her handsome silver service. It is hoped that Rear Admiral Fletcher, then her captain, may command the warships coming here.

This will be the first return visit of the South Carolina since the citizens of Charleston and the State welcomed her coming with a memorable ovation, and the entire commonwealth will be glad that this man of war, of all others, has been included in the list which Secretary Daniels will order here, and perhaps increase.

The five named are all battleships of big size, carrying a complement of from 800 to 1,000 men each, and 24 guns over four inches diameter, with the exception of the South Carolina, which carries eight big guns, over four inches diameter. In all about 5,000 officers and enlisted men will be the city's guests as a result of the visit of the division and the fact that many of them have numerous friends here is an assurance that the many entertainments during the stay of the ships will be all the more enjoyable. A part of the plans for the congress will no doubt be devoted exclusively to the entertainment of the sailors.

covered, according to a Bucharest dispatch. Several of the suspects have been arrested.

BULGARS CAPTURE NISH.

Road Now Open for Germans From Berlin to Constantinople.

Sofia, Nov. 6.—It is officially announced that the Bulgarians have captured Nish. This gives the Germans a clear railroad route from Berlin to Constantinople. The official announcement merely stated "a Bulgarian division has entered Nish."

It is expected that munitions from Germany to Turkey will be rolling through within 24 hours. Kaiser Wilhelm and King Ferdinand have arranged for a triumphal meeting on Serbian soil.

FRENCH REPULSED BY BULGARS.

Sofia Has Report of Capture of Three Important Serbian Towns.

Sofia, Nov. 6.—The French troops that invaded Bulgaria have been repulsed south of Strumitza, according to the official statement the Bulgars have captured Cerenik, Planina and Cratava.

ARMY PLOT DISCOVERED.

Army Officers Attempt Coup to Force Greece into War.

Geneva, Nov. 6.—A military plot against the government has been discovered in Greece. Army officers attempted a coup which would force the country into war on the side of the Allies. Many arrests have been made.

German Attacks Repulsed.

Paris, Nov. 6 (Official).—In the Champagne a new German attack against our trenches at LaCourtiere was repulsed. Hand grenades were used by both sides. Between the Argonne and the Meuse the explosion of our mines damaged the German works considerably. The night was calm on the rest of the front.

Berlin Reports Prisoners Taken.

Berlin, Nov. 6.—It is officially announced that thirty-eight hundred Serbians were captured when Nish fell into the hands of the Bulgarians. The statement reports the repulse of a French attack north of Maastricht in the Champagne. The attempt of the Russians to break the German line

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORS MEET.

GATHER AT LAURENS FOR SESSION OF THREE DAYS.

Karl Lehmann, Secretary of Southern States, Will be in Attendance and one of Chief Speakers.

Laurens, Nov. 5.—Laurens is tonight filled with young people who are here for the annual South Carolina Christian Endeavor convention. The Laurens people gave the visitors a warm welcome, and although tonight is the beginning of the meeting, already the delegates feel at home.

Karl Lehmann, Southern secretary and a Christian Endeavor worker of national reputation, is here and will be the feature of the convention. Mr. Lehmann was the principal speaker at the Columbia meeting last year. Tonight he spoke to the young people on the history and principles of Christian Endeavor, making an inspiring and enlightening address.

Wyatt A. Taylor of Columbia, president of the South Carolina Christian Endeavor, presided tonight, and the following programme was heard and participated in by the delegates.

Devotional, led by the Rev. Chas. F. Rankin, pastor of the Laurens Presbyterian church, "We Are Glad You Came;" A. C. Todd, Laurens, "So Are We;" A. T. Corcoran, Charleston, "The Campaign for Millions and Other Campaigns;" W. Anderson Clark, Columbia, "The Campaign for Millions;" Miss Agnes Ravenel, Spartanburg, "We Can If We Will, We Must If We Can;" Wyatt A. Taylor, Columbia; "The History and Principles for Christian Endeavor;" Karl Lehmann, Southern secretary.

Three sessions of the convention will be held tomorrow.

The Christian Endeavor special left Columbia with 108 young people on board. Before leaving it was found necessary to add another coach, which was filled by many other delegates at Newberry and Clinton. The train belonged to the young Endeavorers, and as each station was passed a number of persons nearby gave a welcoming shout.

The train arrived at Laurens shortly after sundown and the delegates were met by a number of automobiles, in which they were taken to the First Presbyterian church, where all sessions of the convention will be held. In the church each delegate was served supper and was assigned to a residence. When all arrangements had been completed the opening session began with addresses of welcome.

west of Dvinsk failed. In the fighting on the Strypa river the Teutons captured fifty Russian officers and six thousand men.

KING PETER ESCAPED.

He Almost Fell into the Hands of Bulgars.

Saloniki, Nov. 8.—King Peter of Serbia narrowly escaped capture when the Teutons took Kraljevo, according to today's advices. The sick monarch was carried from the city a short time before the enemy entered.

GERMAN SHIPS WRECKED.

British Submarines Devastating Commerce in Baltic.

Stockholm, Nov. 8.—Marine advices state that six German ships have been wrecked on the Swedish coast during the last three days while trying to escape from British submarines. Twenty-two members of the crew of the Claes were lost.

FORGED AMERICAN PASSPORTS.

German Reply Tells How The Spies Obtained American Papers.

Washington, Nov. 8.—The German reply explains how their spies secured American passports, but denies that they were manufactured by the German authorities.

GERMAN CRUISER SUNK.

British Submarine Scores Another Hit in Baltic.

Berlin, Nov. 8.—The German cruiser Undine was sunk by a British submarine off the Swedish coast. The crew of two hundred and seventy-five were saved.

SERBIANS ARE WHIPPED.

German Experts Predict Collapse of Serbian Army.

Berlin, Nov. 8.—German military experts predict the complete collapse of the Serbian army because of the capture of the main ammunition and food depots by the Teutons. The supplies which the Serbs carried away

WIRELESS 'PHONE ORDERS.

SECRETARY DANIELS MAKES USE OF WIRELESS IN TALKING WITH ADMIRAL USHER.

Aerial Stations All over Country Listen to Conversation over Wireless Telephone—Charleston Hears Daniels' Order—Mrs. Daniels is First Woman to Use Instrument.

Washington, Nov. 5.—Secretary Daniels today transmitted the first naval order ever sent by wireless telephone to Rear Admiral Usher at the New York navy yard. From his desk in the navy department the secretary talked to the commandant of the New York yard by way of the government radio towers at Arlington and ordered a report on repairs to the dreadnought New York. Navy officials say the achievement brings close the day when the secretary of the navy may sit at his desk here and talk to the fleet commanders all over the world.

Secretary Daniels transmitted this oral order, which was taken down by a stenographer in Admiral Usher's office and acknowledged orally by the admiral himself: "Rear Admiral Usher, Commanding, New York Navy Yard: Report as soon as practicable after the arrival of the New York how soon the repairs recommended can be completed. (Signed) 'Daniels.'"

Navy wireless stations in all parts of the country were eavesdropping to catch the conversation. While Secretary Daniels was still talking with Admiral Usher the Charleston (S. C.) station telegraphed that the order had been overheard and copied there.

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt followed Secretary Daniels at the radio telephone and later Mrs. Daniels was accorded the distinction of being the first woman to converse by wireless waves.

The secretary's office was crowded with naval officers and bureau officials during the demonstration, which lasted half an hour. Many of them consulted with Admiral Usher. Later Secretary Daniels and Secretary Lansing of the state department went to the radio room across the hall from Secretary Daniels' office and there "listened in" on the department's radio sets. They heard the voices of those at the radio phone coming back to them through the aerials on the state, war and navy buildings.

Admiral Usher said that the voices sent by wireless from Washington were plainly audible in his office despite a heavy static discharge which sounded, he said, like stage thunder.

The instrument used was the regular desk telephone on Mr. Daniels' desk.

Mutineer Killed.

Washington, Nov. 8.—Tom Brown, a white man, native of Florida, was killed in a mutiny of the crew of the American schooner Mary Pendleton, off the Azores.

are believed to be insufficient for more than a weeks' campaign.

FRENCH CAPTURE KOSJAK.

Important Victory Over Bulgarians in Balkans.

Athens, Nov. 8.—The French have captured Kosjak and Babuna Heights, the Serbian legation announced today. The defeated Bulgarians are still retreating.

NEW WAR COUNCIL.

Three Members of British Cabinet Will Direct War.

London, Nov. 8.—Premier Asquith, Lord of the Admiralty Balfour and Minister of Munitions, Lloyd-George are the three members of the cabinet who will hereafter direct the war, according to the Evening News, which states that the cabinet selected them as a "war council." The announcement is accepted as authoritative. It is now understood that Lord Kitchen-er will be absent from London for several months.

CABINET STANDS PAT.

Greek Ministry Reaffirms Zaimis War Program.

Athens, Nov. 8.—The new Greek cabinet held its first meeting today. The program of War Minister Yanakitsas, which caused the downfall of the Zaimis cabinet was approved by the new ministry and will be again presented to parliament. Vezexios was disappointed by the small popular demonstration which greeted his overthrow of the Zaimis cabinet and he is said to be considering retiring from politics.

NEW GREEK CABINET FORMED

ZAIMIS IS ONLY MAN TO LEAVE MINISTRY IN SKOULOUDIS ORGANIZATION.

New Department is Formed. That of National Economy—New Premier Will Have Charge of Foreign Affairs.

Athens, Nov. 7 (via Paris).—M. Skouloudis, commissioned by King Constantine to form a new cabinet, has accomplished the task. All the members of the Zaimis ministry are retained except the premier himself. The new prime minister has taken the portfolio of foreign affairs. The formation of the new cabinet, it is generally assumed, will delay if not eliminate the crisis which probably would follow a dissolution of the chamber by the king.

The cabinet is composed of the following ministers who took the oath of office today:

Premier and minister of foreign affairs, M. Skouloudis.

Minister of public instruction, M. Micheldikis.

Minister of justice and communications, D. G. Rhallis.

Minister of interior, M. Gounaris.

Minister of national economy, M. Theotokis.

Minister of war, Gen. Yanakitsas.

Minister of marine, Admiral Countouriotis.

Minister of finance, Stephen Dragomis.

Pesides the premier, M. Micheldikis is the only new member. The office he takes formerly was held by M. Theotokis, who becomes minister of national economy, a new post.

The press urges the advisability of going on without a dissolution of parliament and new general elections.

M. Skouloudis is not a deputy, but is regarded as an able diplomat, known chiefly for the part he played in the London peace conference in 1913 after the Balkan war. He was minister of foreign affairs in the Rhallis cabinet in 1897. He is reputed to be favorably disposed towards the quadruple entente.

Gen. Yanakitsas, who remains in the Greek cabinet as minister of war, is credited with having been responsible for the crisis which resulted in the overthrow of M. Zaimis. M. Vezexios, who controls a majority of parliament, took exception to a statement by the war minister and when an apology was not forthcoming brought about the vote which showed a lack of confidence in the government.

DEPUTIES SOON END TERM.

Venizeos and Followers Expected to Approve Solution as Election Would be Uncertain.

Athens, Nov. 7 (via London).—It is believed in political circles that the chamber of deputies probably will be prorogued in ten days, as it then will have sat for the final term of three months. M. Venizeos and his followers are expected to approve this solution of the problem, which makes it possible to avoid dissolution and elections, the result of which would be uncertain, owing to the pressure which would be exerted by the government and the pro-German propaganda.

VERY BENEVOLENT NEUTRALITY

Such Will be Position of New Greek Premier.

London, Nov. 8.—M. Skouloudis, the new Greek premier, has declared his intention of observing an attitude of very benevolent neutrality towards the contending powers, according to dispatches reaching here today.

JAPANESE STEAMER SUNK.

Yazakuni Sent to Bottom by German Undersea Boat—Crew is Saved.

Tokyo, Nov. 7.—The Japanese steamer Yazakuni, 5,118 tons gross was sunk by a German submarine near Gibraltar Wednesday. The captain and crew reached shore safely.

The Yazakuni sailed from New York October 6 for Oran, Algeria, and arrived at Gibraltar October 23.

BIG FIRE IN RALEIGH.

Secretary Daniels' Newspaper Plant and Other Buildings Destroyed.

Raleigh, Nov. 6.—The News and Observer, Secretary Daniels' paper, the Uzzell Printing Company, and the annex of the Raleigh apartment house were destroyed by fire at 6 o'clock this morning. The fire originated in the Uzzell plant. Two firemen were injured by a falling wall.

WANTS BUILDING CODE ADOPTED

CHIEF BEHRENS OF CHARLESTON URGES FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES.

As Chief of the Fire Association He Sends Letters to Forty-Two Towns in State Asking Them to Take Step so That They Can Share in Fire Insurance Money.

New, and Courier.

Fire Chief Louis Behrens, president of the State Firemen's Association, will send letters to forty-two State organizations this morning informing the respective chiefs of the necessity of having their cities and towns adopt a building and inspection code before February 14, 1916, so that the department may share in the benefit of the 1 per cent tax on foreign insurance gross premiums.

The law requiring the building code was passed in 1914, and each organized department in the State is required to have a building and inspection code passed within two years from the passage of the Act. The Charleston City Council has already adopted such a code.

The State Fireman's Association is composed of forty-seven departments, having a total membership of more than 3,000 persons. Approximately \$15,000 is apportioned to these departments annually, the proceeds of the 1 per cent tax.

Following is a copy of Chief Behrens' letter, which will be sent to the forty-two chiefs this morning:

"Charleston, S. C., Nov. 4, 1915.

"Mr. _____, Chief Fire Department.—Dear Sir, I have been advised by Insurance Commissioner McMaster that some of the cities and towns have not complied with the Amended Fireman's Fund Act. I would therefore urge upon you how important it is that you have your city, or town, pass an ordinance before February 14, 1916, providing for the Building Code and Inspection of Buildings. By the terms of the Amended Act, in order that your department may participate in the benefit of the one per cent (1%) tax on foreign insurance gross premiums, written on fire within the limits of such corporate cities or towns, allow me to remind you that unless your city or town adopts a Building and Inspection Code to be approved by Insurance Commissioner McMaster, for the proper erection and inspection of all buildings in the said respective cities or towns, so as to eliminate as far as possible the danger of fires arising from defective construction of the presence and existence of inflammable material and conditions, your department will not be able to participate in the benefits of the Firemen's Aid Act hereafter, as the time expires February 14, 1916.

"Let me urge upon you to take this matter up at once with your mayor and members of your council and impress upon them the urgent necessity of the adoption of a proper Building and Inspection Code. Much good will surely result therefrom in reducing the fire losses and reduction in fire insurance rates, thereby saving thousands of dollars to our citizens by reduced rates of insurance.

"I desire also to draw to your especial attention the suggested Building Code, a copy of which I understand, has been sent you sometime ago by Insurance Inspector McMaster. It is as simple a code as can be adopted with safety and I further believe every town in the State could adopt it, or the main portion of it, and apply it. Furthermore, allow me to remind you that the insurance companies have had absolutely nothing to do with the enactment of the law requiring this building code; that the same was done by the members of the South Carolina State Firemen's Association, pressing for the enactment of this law, so as to decrease the fire losses of South Carolina, thereby giving our citizens better fire insurance rates upon their property.

"Trusting your city council will see the wisdom of taking steps to adopt a building code for approval of Insurance Commissioner McMaster, and that you will give this matter your immediate attention. I wish also to assure you, if you desire any further information, I will be glad to fully answer any inquiries you may make.

"Fraternally yours,
"Louis Behrens,"
"President South Carolina State Firemen's Association."

ENGLAND WILL TAKE TIME.

Reply to American Note Not Expected For Several Weeks.

London, Nov. 8.—Several weeks are expected to elapse before England replies to the American protest. The reply will be exhaustive in character.